GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1478
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
COTTON MILLS OF RAJASTHAN
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise number of cotton mills functioning in Rajasthan under National Textile Corporation (DPR) at present;

(b) the number of workers, job work, production management, profit and loss of these mills;

(c) the time by which resources are likely to be made available for the revival of these sick mills by B.I.F.R.;

(d) whether the Government have made any enquiry in the causes of constant losses to these NTC mills and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are aware of the resentment in the employees of Edward and Mahalakshmi and if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government propose to run these NTC mills in the interest of workers; (g)if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; (h) if not the reasons therefor; (i) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the compliance of agreements made with the organizations of the workers and also of their interests alongwith the payment of dues?

Answer

SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN

(MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES)

(a): There are four mills under NTC (DP&R) in the state of Rajasthan whose names with locations are given below:-

(i) Edward Mills,Beawar,Distt. Ajmer

(ii) Mahalakshmi Mills, Beawar, Distt. Ajmer

(iii) Shri Bijay Cotton Mills, Bijaynagar

(iv) Udaipur Cotton Mills, Udaipur

(b): A statement is enclosed containing the number of workers, job work production and profit /loss of these mills.

(c) : NTC (DP&R) with all its mills has been referred to BIFR. A final decision on revival is to be taken by BIFR.

(d): The mills taken over/nationalised by the Government were basically sick units. The main reasons for continued losses in these mills are old and obsolete machinery, lack of modernisation, excess labour force, high fixed costs, continued shortage of working capital and poor work culture.

(e): As per available information workers of both these mills are demanding settlement of their old case of lay -off wages which is pending before the Industrial Tribunal, Ajmer. Workers of Edward Mills are reportedly resenting their transfer to Mahalakshmi mills which have been done to facilitate better capacity utilisation in Mahalakshmi mills.

(f)to (h): On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth turning positive within the stipulated period. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

(i): As on date agreements with the workers` union at local level are being maintained . Salary/wages have been paid upto Jan.2000 to all the four mills situated in Rajasthan.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1478 FOR 3.3.2000

NATIONAL TEXTILE COPORATION LIMITED

S.No.	NAME OF THE MILLS	NO. OF WORKERS ON ROLL AS ON 31.12.99			PROFIT/LOSSES (RS. In Crs.)		JOB WORK PROD. (Lac. Kgs.)	
		97-98	98-99	APL-DEC99	ACCU. LOSSES UPTO 31.12.99 (PROV.)	97.98	98-99	APL-DEC 1999 (PROV.)
1.	EDWARD MILLS	293	-3.46	-4.99	-4.04	-39.03	8.04	Nil Nil
2.	MAHALAXMI MILLS	372	-3.07	-4.30	-3.75	33.05	7.61	1.98 8.35
3.	SHREE BIJAY COTTON MILLS	475	-2.90	-3.74	-2.91	-25.66	5.82	1.82 Nil
4.	UDAIPUR COTTON MILLS	482	-2.12	-3.81	-3.26	-18.99	16.27	1.03 8.11